



**Holy Mass of Christian Burial**  
*for the Repose of the Soul of*  
**The Reverend Louis Joseph Breslan**

**Church of Saint Patrick, Guilford**  
Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, A.D. 2015 at 11:00 *a.m.*

*Principal Celebrant*      **Most Rev Robert McGuckin**  
Bishop of Toowoomba

*Concelebrants*            **Most Rev Kevin Manning**  
Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta

**Most Rev Bede Heather**  
Emeritus Bishop of Parramatta

**Most Rev David Cremin**  
Emeritus Auxiliary of Sydney

**Rev Fergus Breslan**

**Very Rev Peter G. Williams**  
Diocesan Administrator of Parramatta

**Priests of the Diocese of Parramatta and visiting Priests**

*Master of Ceremonies*    Rev John Paul Escarlan

*Altar Servers*            Acolytes and Servers of St Patrick's Parish, Guilford

*First Reading*            Clare Harb

*Second Reading*        Noelene Mansour

*Gospel*                    Deacon James Phelan

*Universal Prayer*        Tina Lazzoppina

*Choir*                    Saint Patrick's Parish Choir  
Guilford

## Entrance Hymn - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the  
2. Praise to the Lord, let us of - fer our  
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per our  
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is



1. King of cre - a - tion! O my soul, praise him for  
2. gifts at the al - tar. Let not our sins and trans -  
3. work and de - fend us; sure - ly God's good - ness and  
4. in us a - dore him! All that has life and breath,



1. God is your health and sal - va - tion.  
2. gress - ions now cause us to fal - ter.  
3. mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend us;  
4. come now in prais - es be - fore him!



1. All you who hear, now to this al - tar draw near;  
2. Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
3. pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
4. Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain,



1. join in pro - found a - do - ra - tion.  
2. vic - tims with him on the al - tar.  
3. who with his love will be - friend us.  
4. now as we wor - ship be - fore him.

## THE ORDER OF MASS

### The Introductory Rites

Bishop: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Bishop: Peace be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

Bishop: In the waters of baptism Louis died with Christ and rose with Him to new life. May he now share with Him eternal glory.

*The Bishop sprinkles the coffin with holy water.*

### Collect

Bishop: Let us pray.

Hear with favour our prayers, which we humbly offer,  
O Lord, for the salvation of the soul of Louis,  
your servant and Priest, that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to  
your name, may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the Book of Job

Then Job answered:

‘O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm - 'The Lord is my shepherd'



1. The Lord's my\_ shep - herd, I'll not want.
2. My soul he\_ doth re - store a - gain,
3. Yea, though I\_ walk in\_ death's dark vale,
4. My ta - ble\_ thou hast\_ fur - nish - ed
5. Good - ness and\_ mer - cy\_ all my life



1. He makes me down to lie in pas - tures green:
2. and me\_ to walk doth make with - in\_ the paths
3. yet will\_ I fear no ill: for thou\_ art with
4. in pre - sence of my foes; my head\_ thou dost
5. shall sure - ly fol - low me: and in\_ God's house



1. he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
2. of right - eous - ness, e'en for\_ his own name's sake.
3. me, and\_ thy rod and staff\_ me com - fort still.
4. with oil\_ a - noint, and my\_ cup o - ver - flows.
5. for e - ver - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: Psalm 23 (22), *Scottish Psalter*, 1650  
Tune: CRIMOND, 86.86; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-87;

## Second Reading

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the

resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;  
inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds  
of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward  
is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were  
before you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

Rev. John Hogan, Rector of Holy Spirit Seminary, Diocese of Parramatta

## **Universal Prayer**

Bishop: Let us join with one another in praying to God, not only for our  
departed  
brother, Louis, but also for the Church, for peace in the world and  
for ourselves.

We thank God for the life of Father Louis and all the memories and special  
times we shared with him. May he now be in God’s loving embrace for all  
eternity. We pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of Father Louis that they may be consoled in their  
grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. We pray to the  
Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For all of us assembled here to worship in faith, that we may be comforted in  
our grief and gathered together again in God’s kingdom. We Pray to the Lord.

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For our family and friends that have gone before us and await the kingdom.  
May God grant them an everlasting home with Christ. We Pray to the Lord.  
**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, all those who minister to the faithful, the sick, the frail and the aged. We pray for your peace and love to spread throughout the world.  
We pray to the Lord  
**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

To Mary the comforter of the sorrowful we pray:  
**All:** Hail Mary...

Bishop: God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry of your people. Hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.  
**All:** Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## Offertory Hymn - Where there is Charity and Love

### Antiphon



Where there is cha - ri - ty and love,



there\_ the God of love\_ a - bides.\_\_\_\_

### Verses



1. The love of Christ has ga - thered us as
2. And so when we are ga - thered here as
3. Oh, lead us, Mas - ter, by\_ your sav - ing



1. one,\_\_\_\_ re - joice\_ in him with joy which
2. one,\_\_\_\_ let quar - rels die and en - vious
3. grace,\_\_\_\_ to where the bless - ed glo - ry



1. he\_ im - parts;\_\_\_\_ let us re - vere and
2. ran - cour cease;\_\_\_\_ be our re - solve all
3. in\_ your sight;\_\_\_\_ there let us see and



1. love\_ the liv - ing God\_\_\_\_ and love each
2. bit - ter - ness\_ to shun\_\_\_\_ and in our
3. love\_ you face\_ to face,\_\_\_\_ ga - thered once



1. o - ther with\_ un - feign - ing hearts.\_\_\_\_
2. midst be Christ, his love\_ and peace.\_\_\_\_
3. more in e - ver - last - ing light.\_\_\_\_

Text: *Ubi est caritas et amor* from the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, Para. Richard Connolly; .  
Tune: JEREMY 10 10.10 10 with antiphon; Richard Connolly b. 1927-

Bishop: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

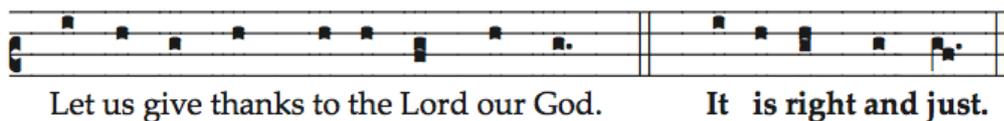
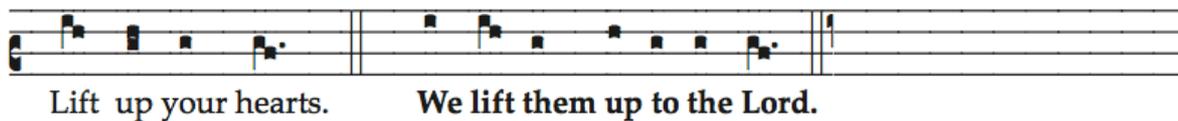
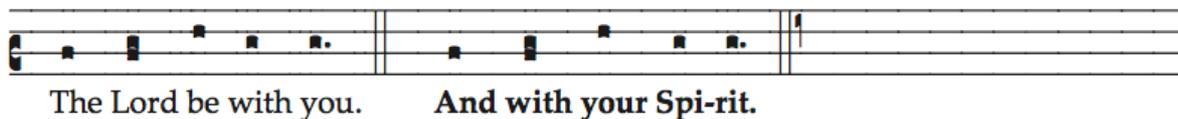
**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

Bishop: We ask your mercy, Lord, that this sacrifice of our service, offered for the soul of Louis, your servant and Priest, may now bring pardon to him, who devoutly offered sacrifice to you in the Church. Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### PREFACE I FOR THE DEAD The hope of resurrection in Christ



Bishop: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying, might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III**

Bishop: The mystery of faith.

**All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your  
Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Bishop and Concelebrants:

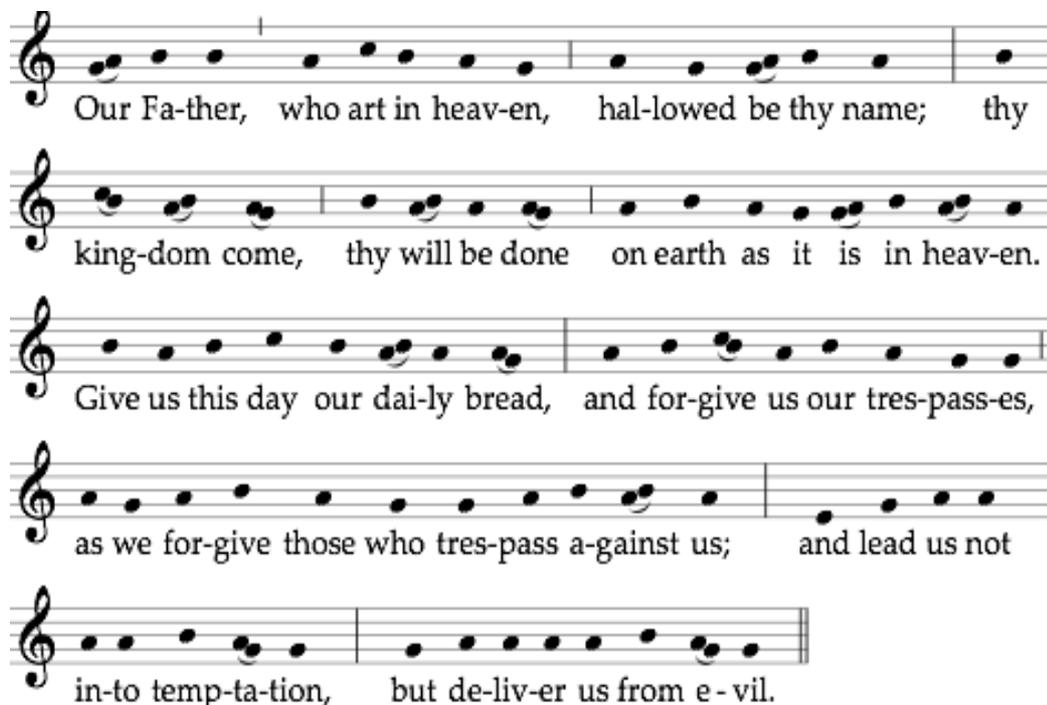
**Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for  
ever and ever.**

**All: Amen.**

## The Communion Rite

Bishop: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

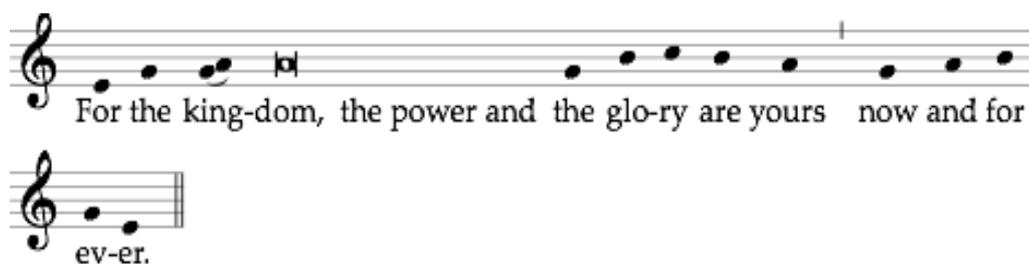
All:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-losed be thy name; thy  
king-dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es,  
as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us; and lead us not  
in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

Bishop: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant  
peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be  
always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the  
blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All:



For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for  
ev-er.

Bishop: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave  
you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith  
of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in  
accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

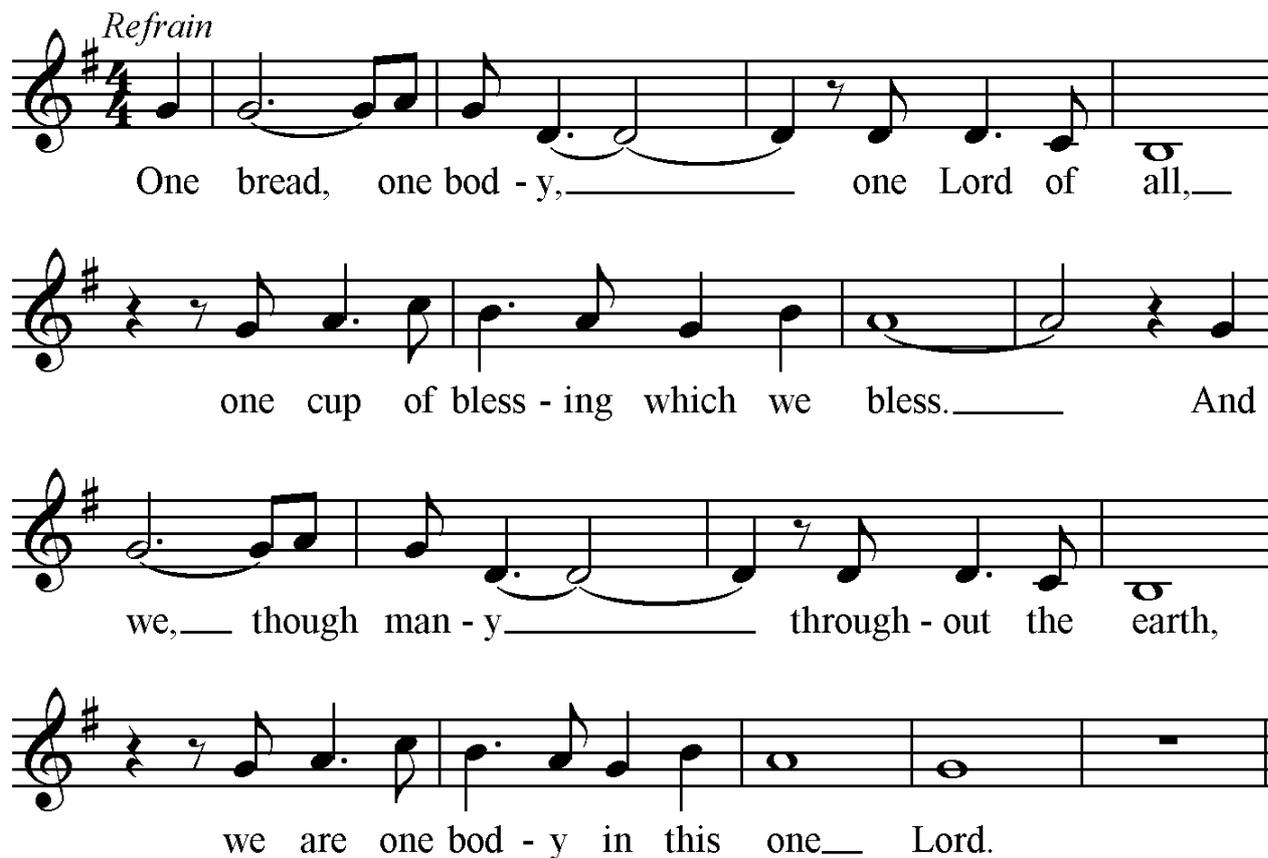
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

Bishop: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins  
of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

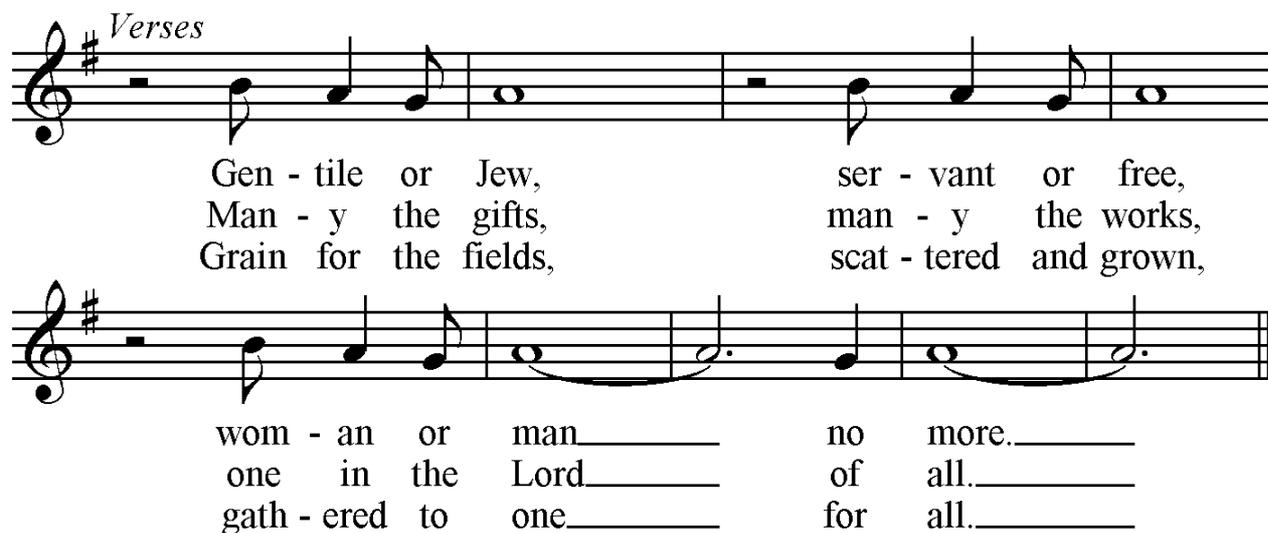
# Communion Hymn - 'One Bread, One Body'

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all,  
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And  
 we, though man - y through - out the earth,  
 we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

*Verses*



Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,  
 wom - an or man, no more,  
 one in the Lord, of all,  
 gath - ered to one, for all.

Text: I Corinthians; Galatians 3:28; the Didache 9:  
 John Foley, SJ. b. 1939  
 Music: John Foley, SJ. b.1939 ©1978, New Dawn Music

# Communion Hymn - "Bread of Life, Hope of the World"

## Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je- sus Christ, our  
bro - ther, feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one an - o - ther.

## Verses

1. As we pro - claim your death,  
2. The bread we break and share  
3. We eat this liv - ing bread,  
4. Hold us in u - ni - ty,  
5. You are the bread of peace,

1. as we re - call your life, we re - mem - ber your  
2. was scat - tered once as grain; just as now it is  
3. we drink this sav - ing cup; sign of hope in our  
4. in love for all to see; that the world may be-  
5. you are the wine of joy, brok - en now or your

1. prom - ise \_\_\_\_\_ to re - turn a - gain.  
2. gath - ered, \_\_\_\_\_ make your peo - ple one.  
3. bro - ken world, \_\_\_\_\_ source of last - ing love.  
4. lieve in you, \_\_\_\_\_ God of all who live.  
5. peo - ple, \_\_\_\_\_ poured in end - less love.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Renewed by food from your heavenly table, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that by the power of this sacrifice the soul of Louis, your servant and Priest, who faithfully ministered in your Church, may exult for ever in your sight. Through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Final Commendation**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

Fr Peter: Before we take Louis to his final resting place, let us take our leave of him. May our farewell express our love for him; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet him again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

### **Silence**

*All pray in silence.*

*The symbols of Christian life are removed from the coffin.*

### **Signs of Farewell**

*The coffin may now be sprinkled with holy water and incensed.*

### **Song of Farewell**

Fr Peter: Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Fr Peter: May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Fr Peter: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**All: Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

## **Prayer of Commendation**

Fr Peter: Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our brother Louis in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, he will rise with him on the last day.

We give thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Louis in this life: they are signs to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the Saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our brother for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Fr Peter: In peace let us take our brother to his place of rest.

## Recessional Hymn - Hail, Queen of Heaven, the Ocean Star



1. Hail, Queen\_ of heav'n, the o - cean star,
2. O gen - tle, chaste and spot - less maid,
3. And while\_\_ to God who reigns\_\_ a - bove,



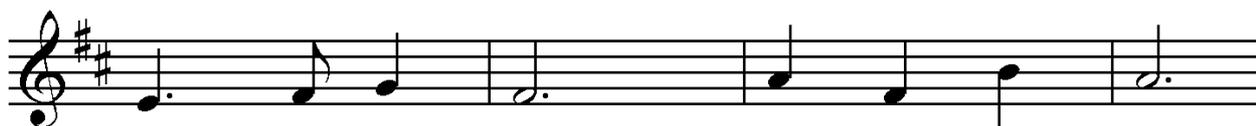
1. Guide of the wan - d'rer here\_\_ be - low,
2. From sin's do - main\_\_ God kept\_\_ you free,
3. In God - head One,\_\_ in Per - sons Three,



1. Thrown on\_\_ life's surge, we claim\_\_ your care:
2. Plead with\_\_ your Son, for he\_\_ has paid
3. The source\_ of life, of grace,\_\_ of love,



1. Save us from per - il and from woe.
2. The price of our\_\_ in - i - qui - ty.
3. Ho - mage we pay\_\_ on bend - ed knee.



1. Mo - ther of Christ, star of the sea,
2. Vir - in most pure, star of the sea,
3. Mo - ther and Queen, star of the sea,



1. Pray for the wan - d'rer, pray for me.
2. Pray for the sin - ner, pray for me.
3. Pray for your chil - dren, pray for me.

Text: John Lingard, 1771-1851, *alt.*

Tune: STELLA 88.88.88; Traditional English melody arr. Henri Friedrich Hemy 1818-88

# **The Reverend Louis Joseph Breslan**

## **Ordained**

6 June 1948 St Patrick's, Carlow

## **Date of arrival in Sydney**

19 March 1949

## **Pastoral Appointments**

### **St Mary's Cathedral Sydney**

March 1949 - December 1949

### **St Michael's Thirroul**

December 1949 - February 1951

### **St Patrick's Lithgow**

February 1951 - February 1954

### **St Mary's Manly**

February 1954 - July 1955

### **Royal Australian Navy**

July 1955 - March 1975

### **St Patrick's Guildford**

September 1975 -

**3 July 2009 Rosary Village**